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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-005684  
Request No. 1437518  
MWH:RNB

**VIA: Email**

Dear Emma Best:

You appealed from the action of Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning Operation Orlando. I note that your appeal concerns the adequacy of the FBI's search for records.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming the FBI's action on your request. The FBI searched its automated indices for the subject of your request. The FBI located responsive records.<sup>1</sup> I have determined that the FBI's response was correct and that it conducted an adequate, reasonable search for responsive records subject to the FOIA.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of the FBI in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the

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<sup>1</sup> Please be advised that in its July 1, 2019 response to your request, the FBI informed you that it had located records responsive to your request and that those records were being withheld in full pursuant to Exemption 7(A). The FBI's first response letter indicated that it had located no responsive records to your request was sent in error.

action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

10/16/2019

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Matthew W. Hurd  
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Staff  
Signed by: MATTHEW HURD